





—HON. J. C. CALHOUN.

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CONVERSATION is like a game of chess, or any other game of skill. A person shines in one company, he makes no figure in another, just as a tolerably good chess player who might be "beaten" at a country party, would be checked at the fifth move at Sanford's. The same person is invariably dull at one time, and brilliant at another. The times when he is most silent at the first meeting, are the most luscious at the ending of an entertainment. There is a man in the leak both in cards and conversation. The graphic and good speakers but had hearers, their eyes put out when they have all the talk to the ladies. Some are best in a society, others in a mixed company. Some persons talk well on a subject, but not so readily on the common question, still less by a sophist or make a party. N. Y. Sun

The present is perhaps the last opportunity the true Whigs will have, with much hope of success, of electing a suitable character for President, and of saving the Republic from misrule, corruption and arbitrary power. If we have not the power now, we shall not probably have it a gain, at any future day. Official influence is extending every year. Officers of the government are fast multiplying. They are now very numerous, and it is believed that one fifth or one fourth might be dismissed without injury to the public service. This has been often stated in Congress. And every man in office can command eight or ten votes among his relations and friends, and they never fail to exert their influence to the utmost of their power. A high office holder went last March from Boston into New Hampshire, and was busy there for ten days. It is now carried on unobtrusively in this city and vicinities, and in New York and most other places. Governor Clinton complained of it nearly twenty years ago, and now there is far more cause for the complaint. The citizens are threatened on every side by a party from election meetings unless they can find for a friend of the Van Buren party. There must be a great effort made, an united effort, and as activity, if we hope to succeed; and succeed we may, by prudence, union and zeal. If patriotism and whiggism are not a mere name, we shall make the effort. We shall strengthen a high wall of resistance to us, and surely the safety of the republic is worthy of one more powerful struggle.

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